GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ECO-TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have constructed eco-huts with a view to promoting eco-tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has raised objection to the scheme of construction of eco-huts; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the number of cases in which objections have been raised, State-wise and project-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of Tourism including Eco Tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for Tourism Projects/Events on the basis of proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to scheme guidelines. The project proposal received from State Governments/Union Territory Administration for development of eco-tourism also includes components like construction of eco huts. To ensure ecology safe guard, the Ministry of Tourism has recently issued instructions that in regard to aspect regarding the impact of such projects on the ecology and environment, details of environmental clearances obtained for the projects should be clearly reflected while considering these projects for Central Financial Assistance.